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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ERICA C. o/b/o JACV,<sup>1</sup>

Plaintiff,

VS.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, No. 1:20-cv-03244-MKD

ORDER GRANTING STIPULATED MOTION FOR REMAND PURSUANT TO SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) AND CLOSING FILE

**ECF Nos. 15, 19** 

Defendant.

Before the Court is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 19, requesting remand of the above-captioned matter to the Commissioner for additional administrative proceeding pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Attorney D. James Tree represents Plaintiff. Attorney Frederick Fripps represents Defendant. The parties have consented to proceed before a magistrate judge. ECF No. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To protect the privacy of plaintiffs in social security cases, the undersigned identifies them by only their first names and the initial of their last names. *See* LCivR 5.2(c).

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After consideration, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 19, is GRANTED.
- 3. The above-captioned case be **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** to the Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative proceeding pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

The parties have stipulated to the following:

On remand, the Appeals Council will instruct the ALJ to:

- Evaluate Plaintiff's epigastric impairments;
- Comply with the requirements of Acquiescence Rule 04-1(9);
- Reevaluate whether the severity of Plaintiff's impairments meet or medically equal the criteria of a listed impairment;
- If warranted, reevaluate whether the severity of Plaintiff's impairments functionally equal the Listings;
- Offer Plaintiff the opportunity for a hearing;
- Consider the additional evidence submitted to the Appeals Council and take any further action needed to complete the administrative record; and
- Issue a new decision.

See ECF No. 19 at 2.

3. Judgment shall be entered for **PLAINTIFF**.

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4. Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. 15, is STRICKEN AS MOOT.

5. Upon proper presentation, this Court consider Plaintiff's application for fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d).

The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order, enter **Judgment**, forward copies to counsel, and **CLOSE THE FILE**.

DATED November 4, 2021.

s/Mary K. Dimke MARY K. DIMKE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE